

BRONTE

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NIPPER NEWSLETTER WEEK 4



Congratulations SRC! A massive congratulations to our U14 SRC group who each passed their Surf Rescue Certificate assessments last week and are now officially lifesavers. We are so proud of you all! The group has worked so hard – multiple sessions each week - with impressive commitment and a positive attitude. Particular congratulations to Liam Skeete who passed with flying colours and to his cohort who has supported him throughout. Thank you to the terrific training team that helped them get there: Steve Tindale, Jenny Austin, Beki Dombrowe and their Age Managers, Nick Nairn and Bruce Jones. The kids learned so much and have had such a great experience.

Good luck to the handful of kids who were unable to attend on Sunday and who will be completing their final assessments today. We look forward to seeing you all on Patrol.

Club Champs wrap-up: What a great morning of Club Champs! Thank you to everyone who helped it run so smoothly. So many determined, smiling faces. It was terrific to see sand events back on the schedule, to see the U9 tackle the surf, and the U8 race for the first time. Congratulations to all Nippers who competed – you were awesome.

THIS WEEK'S REMINDERS

BBQ – U11G this week: this year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ for a full morning. BUT: each group will only be rostered on once for the whole season. BBQ roster is [here](#).

Merchandise: we are expecting a re-stock of hoodies and Tshirts later this week, to add to the new embroidered crews and hoodies that arrived last week! Pop by the Merch Stall or check out the [online store](#) for great gift ideas.

Age Assistants: thank you to all the parents who have completed the theory portion of their Age Assistant qualification! For those who did the course online, please print and complete this '[SLSA Age Managers Competency](#)' document by assisting at 2 Nippers sessions, arranging for your Age Manager to sign it off, and submitting it to the office for final signatures from the 'Age Manager Mentor' (3rd party) and submission to SLS Sydney Branch.

All Age Assistants who have done the above and who have submitted their WWCC number can exchange their paperwork for a yellow 'Age Assistants' cap to wear at Nippers.

Water safety: must sign in via the paper roll in their child's area to have hours recorded. If you assist in more than one area, you must sign-in each time.

Nipper board training and sand training: Nipper training is in full swing! Please see [here](#) for full details and timetable.

Upcoming Nipper carnivals: please see the latest calendar [here](#) (competitions listed on page 2) as well as our Competitor Guidelines for Nipper Carnival Participation [here](#). Please contact nipper@brontesurfclub.com.au if you wish to enter any particular Carnival.

Covid: PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF: you or anyone in your household feels unwell, has tested positive to Covid-19, or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive to Covid-19. This extends to any household where children or volunteers attend a school or workplace currently subject to stay-at-home directions and who have been directed to self-isolate.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 24-27 FEBRUARY 2022 FOR U9-U14 – SIGN-UP **DUE NOW** FOR UNIFORM ORDER

State champs will be held at Queenscliff SLSC in late February. Details will be released closer to the time. In the meantime a reminder that we need to submit our uniform order **today**. Please ensure that you read this [competition policy](#) and complete [this form](#) (once per Nipper) to let us know your intentions and to ensure a uniform is ordered for your Nipper/s.

Please remember that this is a championship (not a participation) Carnival so only strong competitors who are enrolled in regular training should enter. All families who attend **are required to** volunteer in some way (water safety, officials, IRB transport, tent transport, set up and pack up).

OFFICIALS NEEDED: U9-U14

In order for our Nippers to be permitted to compete at carnivals, we need to provide a strict quota of Carnival Officials. **Please assume that if your child trains and intends to compete, at least one parent needs to be qualified as an official** (mandatory if neither parent is Water Safety). See all details [here](#). Carnivals are limited this season, so please plan your online course and practical assessment with that in mind.

HOLIDAY SURF SKILLS CAMP (U9-U14): 20-23 December at Bronte with Mackenzie, Noah and Will

Nipper coaches Mackenzie, Noah and Will are running a Nipper Surf Skills camp at Bronte during the holidays! This is aimed at development and competition squad ability levels and will be filled with learning surf skills, improving technique and having fun. Any U9 will need prior approval from Al Visch. The details are these:

- 20, 21, 22 and 23 December
- 8.30am-12 noon
- \$65 per day or \$220 for all 4 days
- Sign up [via this link](#)
- Please also RSVP via the Bronte Board Training TeamApp (see the 'Holiday Surf Skills Camp' listed in the schedule of 'events' and RSVP to the relevant day or days). Camp information flyer is also attached to the event listing in TeamApp.
- Bring own board, goggles, pink rashie, sneakers/running gear, sunscreen, a snack and water bottle. Wetsuits recommended.

SUNDAY SIPS & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Club has a terrific range of social and training events for adult members:

- Sunday Sips is held upstairs at the Club every Sunday afternoon. Due to Covid, you'll need to book a table. Email: functions@brontesurfclub.com.au to arrange.
- Pilates with Harries at 6am on Tuesday mornings (\$20 card-only payment). Bring your own mat. Spots are limited so don't be late!
- Sunday Surf Race at 11am on Sundays with Barry Brignell. Handicapped swim race around the cans, and available to all proficient Bronze Medallion holders, SRC, and Competition Squad members (comp squad participants subject to the approval of Al Visch).
- Swim group with Garry Luscombe, Wednesdays 6am at Bondi (meet in front of North Bondi SLSC) and Thursdays 12.15pm at Bronte (meet in front of Club).
- Paddle groups (beginners and intermediate) for proficient Bronze Medallion holders (generally Tuesday mornings) - check the website and join the relevant Club WhatsApp groups for details.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!!

Nippers Committee: Ant Burrows, Jess Stewart, Al Visch, Tara O'Reilly, Amy Sharma, Kylie von Muenster, Steve Brown, Grant Lovett